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COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEE AND LOBBYISTS RECEIVE CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Michael Connelly, issued civil penalties for violations of state Public Disclosure law during brief enforcement hearings held Wednesday in Olympia.

The **Skamania County Republican Central Committee** was found in violation of state law for failing to timely disclose contribution and expenditure information for activities undertaken for calendar years 2000 through part of 2004 and for failing to timely file material changes to political committee registration statements (PDC form C-1pc). Connelly assessed a civil penalty of \$500 with \$200 of the penalty suspended provided the committee has no future violations for a two year period from the date of the order.

Peter Hurley, lobbyist for the Transportation Choices Coalition, was found in violation of state law for failure to file timely monthly lobbyist expense reports. Hurley failed to timely file his December 2004 PDC L-2 report after being found in violation and assessed a penalty for previous late filings. He was assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

Wes Olfert, lobbyist for the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, was found in violation of state law for failure to file timely monthly lobbyist expense reports. Olfert failed to timely file his December 2004 PDC L-2 report after having received a warning for previous late filings and was assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Persons found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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